

REMARKS

Claims 5-6, 8, 13, 18, 20 and 27, without prejudice, were previously cancelled.

Claim 12, without prejudice, has been cancelled in the present response, and rewritten substantially as new claim 32.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 14, 21, 22, 25, 28, and 29 have been amended.

Claims 31-36 have been added. All amendments and new claims are fully supported. No new matter has been introduced.

Accordingly, claims 1-4, 7, 9-11, 14-17, 19, 21-23, 25-26 and 28-36 are now pending.

Examiner Interview

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during an August 8, 2005, telephone interview in which the outstanding rejections were discussed. In particular, the differences between Applicants' invention and Elliot were discussed. As agreed in the interview the clarified differences as represented in the pending claims overcome the cited art. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is contained in the following remarks.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claims 1-4, 7, 9-15, 17, 19, 21-26, and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,243,039, to Elliot ("Elliot").

The rejections of claims 13 and 24 have been rendered moot by their previous cancellations.

Claim 1 has been amended, and is patentable over Elliot because Elliot does not teach at least the recited feature of "receiving from a mobile client device, selection of a first recipient authorized to receive location information of a user of the mobile client device".

Elliot teaches a number of approaches for specifying the recipients of the location information of the subject being tracked, but none of the approaches affords the capability for the mobile client device to provide the selection control as recited in claim 1. As agreed in the August 8, 2005, Examiner Interview, Elliot does not provide a teaching or a suggestion of such a feature.

Claims 14 and 22 contain similar language as discussed above, and thus are patentable over Elliot for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Accordingly, claims 1, 14 and 22 are patentable over Elliot.

Claims 2-4, 7, 9-11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25-26, and 28-30 are dependent, directly or indirectly, on claim 1, 14, or 22, incorporating their features respectively. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claims 1, 14 and 22, claims 2-4, 7, 9-11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25-26, and 28-30 are patentable over Elliot.

Rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elliot in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,542,075, to Barker et al. ("Barker").

Barker fails to remedy the deficiencies of Elliot discussed above. Therefore, claim 14 remains patentable over Elliot even when combined with Barker.

Claim 16 is dependent on claim 14, incorporating its features. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 14, claim 16 is patentable over the combination of Elliot and Barker.

New claims 31-36

New claims 31, 33-36 are patentable over the prior art, for at least the same reasons discussion earlier for claim 1. Claim 32 is patentable over the prior art due to at least its dependency on patentable claim 31.

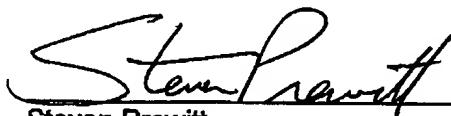
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-4, 7, 9-11, 14-17, 19, 21-23, 25-26 and 28-36 are in condition for allowance. Early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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